

# **Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center**

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# Purpose of the REMS TA Center

- Assist U.S. Department of Education (ED) with implementation and support of the REMS initiative.
  - Performance calls
  - Review grantee Emergency Management Plans and identify key components
- Identify and provide accurate information and resources relevant for REMS grantees.
  - TA responses
  - Timely, informative publications
  - Training events
- Ongoing, state-of-the-art review of emergency preparedness literature.
  - Build a repository of articles, reports, publications
- Provide support to ED with the grantee/non-grantee training events.



# REMS TA Center Staff

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# REMS TA Services

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- Training Events
  - Initial Grantee Meeting (September 2008)
  - Final Grantee Meeting (TBA)
  - Plus Online and Webinar Training Resources
- TA Response
  - Email
  - Telephone
- On-Site Visits with ED



# REMS TA Services (Cont'd.)

- Web site (<http://rem.ed.gov/>)
  - Training Agenda/Materials
  - Technical Assistance Requests
  - Publications
  - Guidance on ED Reporting Requirements
- Distance Learning
  - Webinars
  - Webcasts
  - Online Training





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## REMS TA CENTER

Welcome to the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance Center! The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) began administering the REMS (formerly, Emergency Response and Crisis Management) discretionary grant program in October 2003 to help school districts develop comprehensive plans for any emergency or crisis, including natural disasters, pandemic influenza, violent incidents, and terrorist acts.

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## Technical Assistance (TA) Request

A primary service coordinated by the Center is the provision of responses to emergency planning questions and technical assistance needs. Requests for assistance could range from example REMS plans; to strategies and materials to help with staff trainings; to tips for creating buy-in with stakeholders; to help evaluating REMS plans. Center staff collaborate with a network of local and national crisis planning experts to provide answers to REMS-related questions and to meet any specific technical assistance needs.

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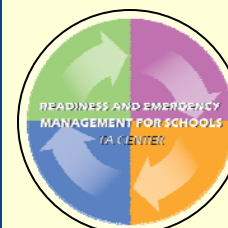
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# REMS TA Resources

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- Publications
  - REMS Express Newsletters
  - Helpful Hints
  - Lessons Learned
- Special Documents
  - Based on Needs (Field/ED)
    - Vulnerability Assessment
    - Preparedness for Higher Education



# Contacting Us

- Telephone 1-866-540-7367 (REMS)
  - When you have a quick question, follow-up (e.g., training events).
- Web site <http://rem.ed.gov/>
  - When you need information or resources, or would like to request TA through the online request form.
- Email [tasupport@remstacenter.org](mailto:tasupport@remstacenter.org)
  - When you have a question or need TA.

NOTE: REMS project-specific questions should be directed to your Federal Project Officer, not the TA Center.





# Questions?

